

Buckingham Park C of E Primary School PTA meeting

Date: Monday 18th March 2019

Time: 19.45hrs

Venue: Buckingham Park Community Centre

Attendees:

Carys Dorritt (CD)

Emma Styles (ES)

Shleena Lee (SL)

Aimée Porter-Smith (APS) (Minutes)

CD welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. CD explained that feedback had prompted exploring different times/days/venues to enable more parents and carers to attend the PTA meetings.

Events

Recent fundraising events were discussed, and thanks given to all who have helped and supported these.

Fantastic fundraising has been achieved so far this year:

The Quiz raised £880

The Disco was attended by 248 children and raised £700

Film Night was attended by 115 children and raised £345

YTD the PTA has raised £4, 200 (since September 2018)

Themes for fundraising and investment

The School is looking to invest in 5 key areas:

Music, Play, Sports, Literacy, theme weeks

Initially the Head Teacher Mr Waldron is hoping to purchase new Library books for free readers across the year groups, and is working out suitable lists for different age groups and different themes of genre and style.

The PTA are working on more transparency for funds; wanting to tell the story of what we are fundraising for in advance of events.

CD updated the group that recently a vote was put to parents and carers in terms of theme for fundraising preferences. 'Music' was the most popular choice, and the school would like to invest in new instruments for the school and bringing in events (musicians and music themed events) to the school.

CD will draw up a template of a spending scale (similar to the principle used in crowd funding) and may request for support from the Business Manager to assist in shaping the spending 'scale'.

World Fayre

The May event has a theme this year as a World Fayre; this was prompted by feedback from engagement from different circles of parents, encouraging and inviting people with something different to bring, the PTA value involvement from all parents, and want to bring together the community in all its cultural diversity.

CD explained that the PTA are looking at different ways for people to get involved and to feedback (feedback boxes, ideas boxes, online / email) and encourage ideas of who best to engage and where, to reflect the diversity within our school and community. **Action: All**

Community groups have been invited to attend the World Fayre and CD has already made contact with the Nigerian Community Association Aylesbury, the local Mosque, SMILES Aylesbury, and the Polish Saturday School.

Looking to invite more groups including (but by no means limited to) the Indian cultural society, Aylesbury, local language teacher(s). The PTA is also looking for other groups and community associations which may be suitable to invite. The group have been asked to keep a look out for people and groups who may have an interest and to let CD know. **Action: All**

Content:

Local Business to sponsor a band – Suggestions requested **Action: All**

Local Bands to invite – Suggestions requested **Action: All**

Discussion for potential groups to invite:

Ukelele band (Ukejam) <https://sites.google.com/site/aylesburyukejam//home>

Tring Performing Arts <https://www.tringpark.com/>

Garsington Opera <https://www.garsingtonopera.org/>

Limelight <http://www.qpc.org/>

Waterside Theatre

Peripatetic teachers of music (with links to the school)

Dance teachers (world dance – belly dancing <http://www.barefootbellydance.org/> , flamenco , Salsa <https://www.facebook.com/salsainaylesbury> etc...)

Every year group to do a performance

Fire service have been invited to attend

St John's ambulance – to be invited **Action: CD**

Sellers:

Stall holders invited, and will be asked to pay to have a table at the event.

S&S street food have been asked but may not be free and also Jerk Box.

In house refreshments:

(Xmas refreshments made £450, Bucks £800 biggest area)

BBQ Themed (American Diner)

Ask for donations – street food area of world food

In-house Fundraising ideas:

Games – Year 6 to run some of these

Food

Nails and crafts

Grow your own comp

Craft pots – APS to send picture of Jars (lantern decorating) and idea of jar gardens

Action: APS

Craft kits for key ring / jewellery making stall

Flag themed treasure hunt

Crossword / Wordsearch and a prize (winner for the main prize)

Maps/ Globe (guess the country)

Mass artwork – collaborative piece – Ideas welcomed **Action: All**

Barefoot challenge – Sand, Shale, etc ..

Fossil / jewel treasure hunting (buy paint brushes to excavate from sand trays)

Hook a duck

Lucky dip

Welly wanging competition

Hoopla stall

The group discussed the pros and cons of an external person potentially to run a craft table, which may be popular, however reduces the income potential for the event.

Next job – sign up portal to be added and publicised in the next week. **Action: CD**

Meeting closed at 9pm.